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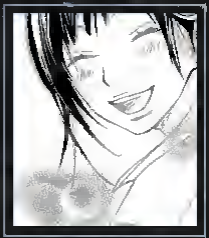

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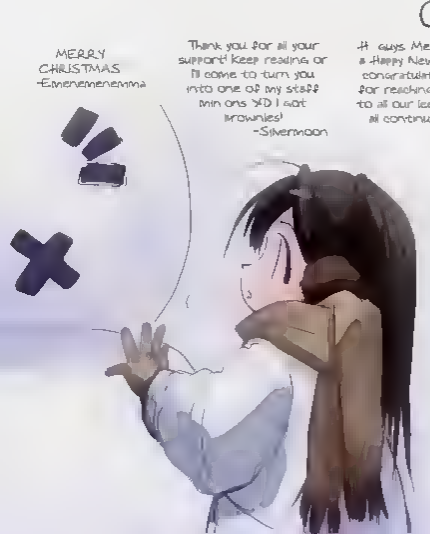
Merry Christmas, Happy New Year, and a Happy Anniversary to Shinnen!



MERRY CHRISTMAS
-Emenemenemma

Thank you for all your support! Keep reading or I'll come to turn you into one of my stuff inn ons XD I eat brownies!
-Silvermoon

A guys. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Also a big congratulations to Shinnen for reaching one year! Thanks to all our leechers — hope you all continue supporting us!
-Rael

Eh? Theres so much happening this week! Lets make the greetings in order or not. Anyway everyone have a happy holiday~ Read our anniversary releases during the holiday break yo~ I'll be doing that too. Shinnen! Thanks for taking me in! I've only seen here for a couple of months and it's been fun. I hope I'd be here to celebrate the next anniversary too~
-Sohei

Happy holidays everyone! And happy anniversary Shinnen! Congrats on being one year old woooooo \o/ Hope everyone has a blast during Christmas and New Year's and I hope you all get to stuff your faces with delicious food! Nom nom nom
-Jverreull

Merry Christmas everybody! May your christmas be filled with lots of mangas (and your new year with even more black and white goodiness) This year was great and hopefully next year will be even better
-sanctity

Wishing everyone a a merry Christmas a fabulous anniversary and a happy new year 3
-Sora

Happy New Years everyone ! hope you have a wonderful time celebrating and make sure to have fun :P
-xeMooneh

Merry Christmas and Happy New Years to all our readers~! And a Happy Anniversary to us!! XD I hope everyone will continue to support Shinnen and enjoy our releases~~
-Nancy

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year! Santa should give you lots of presents if you supported Shinnen xD Be nice, don't stab people, hand out sweets, and have a wonderful holiday and new year~!
-Blaze

Hey guys! Thks for support me, Shinnen! <3 Today is a special occasions so we get to drink feast and of course, party~ Oh, ya kids can't drink! That doesn't include me of course! So lets go all wild~
-RuChan

#sings# I wish us a merry christmas I wish us a merry christmas and a Happy New Year! Don't forget to watch the fireworks~ And thus Shinnen has become 1! Happy anniversary to Shinnen~ It has been a lovely year even though I'm a newbie myself! I hope Shinnen will always move forward advancing to be one of the groups in readers heart and continue for many many years to come^^ Love everyone!#hugs#
-ureshi xD

Happy holidays peeps~!! XD remember come to shinnen & join! you will get loads#loads of cookies!
-cOnie_daisy

WHAT DO YOU MEAN
THERE'S NO MORE TO READ?
BUT I WAS JUST GETTING INTO IT!
I DEMAND THAT YOU HURRY UP AND RELEASE MORE!
COME ON
DON'T YOU GUYS JUST SLAP A BUNCH OF TEXT ONTO A PAGE?
I bet they're just lazy.
Hmm
http://shinmon.net
NO. THERE'S TRANSLATING, CLEANING, EDITING, TYPESETTING, QUALITY CHECKING, ETC.
It's a lot of work.
BUT WE'RE SHORT ON STAFF. IT'S VERY DIFFICULT TO GET SCANS OUT ANY QUICKER.
I WOULD LIKE TO
What??
That blows.
Mutter Mutter
Optimistic
I KNOW!
IF WE CAN GET MORE PEOPLE TO HELP, THEN ALL OF US CAN ENJOY FASTER SCANS.
YEAH! I'M GOING TO APPLY NOW!
And you should too!
IT TAKES TIME?

MARGARET COMICS
別冊マーガレット

夜明け前

南 塔子

HEY, AKKI, WANT TO GO SHOPPING THIS SUNDAY?
AH, SORRY.
I PROMISED KOUTA I'D HANG OUT WITH HIM
I SEE
WHAT ARE YOU GET-TING?
A COLLAR FOR NIKITA AND STUFF
DOESN'T SHE HAVE ONE AL-READY?
She's good
THE BELL CAME OFF
Oh, how's Nikita?

Yoakemae
夜明け前
南塔子
Minami Touko

UME-CHAN, MADE UP YOUR MIND YET?
WAIT! THIS ONE HAS A REALLY CUTE FLORAL PRINT, BUT I PREFER THE COLOR OF THIS ONE... UM...
JUST GET BOTH.
NO MONEY!
WHICH ONE'S SEXIER?
UHM
Which one's cuter?
HEY, I'M STARVING, LET'S EAT ALREADY.
HEY
I SEE KURO-SAWA
I say go for leopard print
HUH?

UH-OH
HUH? WHERE'S AN?
Chatter
Crap!
OH, UM... MAYBE IT'S JUST SOME GUY WHO LOOKS LIKE HIM?
IT'S HIM!
Dash
W C
CRACKLE...
THAT'S MY BOYFRIEND OVER THERE, RIGHT?
SHOCK
EH?
AKKI... DIDN'T YOU SAY YOU'D BE HANGING OUT WITH KOUTA-KUN TODAY?
MORNING, AKKI
Though it's already noon.

WAH!
YOU STARTLED ME!
AN, WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?!
SHOP-PING WITH UME-CHAN AND FRIENDS
ANYWAY, WHAT'S GOING ON HERE? DIDN'T YOU SAY YOU'D BE WITH KOUTA-KUN TODAY?
WHY ARE YOU WITH A GIRL?
AHAHA
HUH?
Whoa that's not a normal laugh
SPIT IT OUT! DO IT RIGHT NOW, AND MAYBE I'LL SHOW YOU SOME MERCY
UM, WAIT A MINUTE!
CAN'T
WHOA! OKAY, I'M SORRY! I WASN'T THINKING, AND
THAT'S NOT IT!
YOU'VE GOT IT ALL WRONG KOUTA'S ALSO HERE
WHERE?

SEE?
TRUE.
AND I JUST NOTICED ARE ALL OF THEM YOUR CLASSMATES?
YEAH.
No.
I'M NOT FOOLING YOU.

Anyways,
I HAVE NOTHING TO FEEL GUILTY ABOUT I'LL EXPLAIN TO YOU LATER
A FEW HOURS LATER
.....
NOW I'VE DONE IT
I WOULD NOT HAVE JUMPED TO CONCLUSIONS IF YOU GUYS HAD ALL STUCK TOGETHER
YEAH, LIKE THAT
STEPS CLOSER
BUMP
!?
TWITCH
.....

Rub Rub
GRR
Furrowed eyebrows
LIES! I KNOW THIS SMELL!
Huh?
I DID NOT.
Ah!
SHIN, YOU USED MY BODY SOAP, DIDN'T YOU!
No wonder there's so little left!
DON'T USE WITHOUT ASKING ME!
WHOOSH
YOU'RE TOO LOUD, UGLY AN.
YOUR PHONE'S RINGING, BALDING AN.
DON'T SCREW WITH ME!
BUT YEAH...
I'M NOT AMUSED.
One new message
clink
DIE!
HA.
AKKI

Close
OH
I've got it
Good morning
YEAH, LIKE I SAID IN MY E-MAIL
Well, not exactly in here...
YOU'RE IN CHARGE OF HELPING KOUTA-KUN OUT WITH HIS LOVE LIFE?
HUH?
What's with that face?
POUT
HMM

Plus, he's more likely to run away than approach her
HE CAN'T TALK TO HER AT ALL
NO, IT'S NOT POSS-IBLE
Prick
CAN'T HE JUST APPROACH HER WITHOUT YOU AS THE MIDDLE MAN?
I MEAN, KOUTA-KUN AND THAT GIRL --WHAT'S HER NAME? KATAGIRI-SAN?-- ARE IN THE SAME CLASS, RIGHT?
YES
Prick
I DIDN'T GIVE YOU THE DETAILS BECAUSE IT WASN'T ABOUT ME, BUT-
STUPID KOUTA! I'LL KILL YOU!
HE BEGGED ME TO HELP HIM
HE'S TOO SELF-CONSCIOUS TO TALK WITH HER
OH
IS THAT SO? BUT HE TALKS TO ME NORMALLY
I'M SORRY FOR MAKING YOU WORRY
AH

Stomp
STOMP
KUROSA-WAAAA!
FOR DOUBT~
SORRY, TOO,
I'M~ I'M~
bump
I was lucky, got it
WHAT?! I COULDN'T!
NO POINT GETTING IT, THEN
BU~
BUT I DIDN'T WANT TO BUG HER SO SOON
I WISH YOU'D BE CONSIDERATE TO ME, TOO
AT ANY RATE, THIS IS PROGRESS!
Oooh
YOU DID IT, MAN DID YOU MAIL HER?
I GOT HER E-MAIL ADDRESS YESTERDAY, BEFORE WE WENT HOME!
THAT HURT!
COOL IT!
YOU KNOW~ YOU KNOW~ YOU KNOW~
KUROSAWA,

Wah!
AN-CHAN, THANKS SO MUCH!
ZOOM!
WHACK!
EH, FOR WHAT?
Why the sudden?
I WAS ABLE TO SPEAK TO HER TODAY!
I'M SO GRATEFUL TO YOU!
Woo!
AWESOME, HE'S SO HAPPY
What's with that reason?
AHAHA.
BECAUSE KUROSAWA'S HELPING ME, AND YOU'RE HIS GIRLFRIEND!
THANK YOU SO MUCH, AN-CHAN!
Hug
IT TURNED OUT WELL, HUH?
With Kitagiri-san

YOU WANNA DIE!?
Ow! Ow!
Eye-eye
SHOVE
WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING?
DINE
DONE
WHY AM I SO EMBARRASSED?
...AND MINE AS WELL.
I SHOULDN'T THINK ABOUT HIM THIS WAY. HE'S AKKI'S FRIEND...
Chatter
Noisy

Is that a new apron? It isn't right?
Mish
HUH?
Shhh
WHAT'S WITH THAT POSE?
THINK OF YOUR SURROUNDINGS AND THE PEOPLE AROUND YOU
EXPAND THE MIND, EXPAND THE MIND
imagining
MAYBE SHE'S GOING CRAZY BECAUSE OF KUROSAWA
WHO SAID THAT!? I'm not going crazy!
I see
It seems possible
EH, MAYBE HE'S BEING UNFAITHFUL
MAYBE HE HAS TWO GIRLS!
Something that terrible!?
.....
SIGH
spills
AKKI'S NOT THE TYPE OF PERSON WHO WILL DO SOMETHING THAT LOW
YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU'RE SAYING

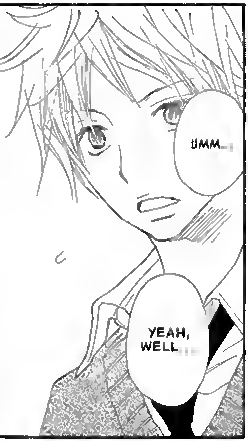
OPEN
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
A MARATHON
The sun's so bright
YEAH, WELL, I'VE BEEN THINKING ABOUT THAT—
OOH DIDN'T YOU MAKE A SCENE YESTERDAY, BECAUSE YOU FOUND HIM WITH A GIRL?
DO YOU WANT TO EAT SOME?
SMILE
I WANT TO EAT SOME
AH, THIS? I'M JUST PEELING IT
WE'RE COOKING A MEAL
EH THAT'S NICE
WAH— OH YEAH, WE'RE DOING THAT TOMORROW
forgot there was a marathon
THAT THING, WHAT IS IT?

GASP
GLOOM
KICKS
AH,
LATER!
YEAH.
THEN, IF YOU WAIT, I'LL MAKE SOME FOR YOU.
HOO-RAY
WHO COOKED THAT RICE?
WE DID.
THAT'S NOT TRUE. WE DIDN'T COOK THAT MUCH
YOU MADE SOME MORE TO GIVE AWAY, DIDN'T YOU?
Wait a minute
THAT'S A LOT
Clank
Hey should we eat?
Uwaah!

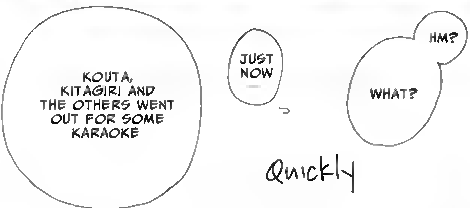
AKKI!
YOU FILLED IT ALL UP!
LOOKS
OH! AWE-SOME!
BUT HERE'S SOME FOOD
IS YOUR CLASS OVER?
I'M GOING BACK RIGHT AWAY
step
step
OVER HERE!
Ah
IF YOU THINK THERE'S ENOUGH, THEN YOU CAN PROBABLY DIVIDE IT AMONGST YOURSELVES

TIME TO EAT!
WAIT!
slap
slap
sting
stine
Liwah, look at the time!
BEFORE THAT...
AN!
THANKS!

PLACES
THERE ARE SO MANY DISHES HAVE TO WASH!
Ahh!
What a weird person!
WOW, AN, AWESOME, YOU ENJOY WASHING DISHES?
HEH THIS IS NOTHING
Eh, my hands are so dry
I need to put on lotion.
AKKI.


UMM...
YEAH, WELL...

REALLY? I'M GLAD
EVERYONE THOUGHT THAT THE FOOD WAS DELICIOUS.
YEAH
BY THE WAY, WHERE ARE YOUR FRIENDS?
EVEN THOUGH ALL I DID WAS CUT UP THE VEGE-TABLES.


KOUTA, KITAGIRI AND THE OTHERS WENT OUT FOR SOME KARAOKE
JUST NOW...
HM? WHAT?
Quickly

EH?
DIDN'T YOU SAY THAT YOU WANTED TO HELP KOUTA-KUN?
YE-AH

Quickly
GO JOIN THEM!
I WANTED TO WAIT FOR YOU.
Today let's hang out!
BUT I TOLD THEM I DIDN'T WANT TO GO!

SMALL GESTURES LIKE THIS MAKE ME HAPPY
I'M GLAD TO SEE YOU WAITED FOR ME
KEEP AT IT!
Uh it's not a big deal
Pat
AN,
YOUR BOYFRIEND IS...
HE'S HANGING OUT WITH A GIRL.
I KNOW ALREADY

DOESN'T IT SEEM LIKE A DOUBLE DATE?
Class Re
DON'T LISTEN TO HER!
It was on im-pulse
Saying things like that
Ah I see but I'm sorry
EDGE
YOU ALREADY KNOW?
JUST LOOK
DO YOU SEE THOSE GIRLS WITH THEM?
They're from his class
AH YEAH BUT EVEN IF THEY'RE FROM THE SAME CLASS

WH T'S THIS!?
TWO ON TWO!?
AND THEY'RE SO CLOSE TO EACH OTHER TOO!
An to be seen like that
Uchi
!!!!
YET...
MOVES
IT'S POSSIBLE THAT KITAGIRI-SAN IS...
AN DIDN'T YOU SAY YOU KNEW ABOUT THIS?
EH, I DO KNOW
I REA

THAT'S NOT ACCEPTABLE.
IT'S NO USE.
AN
ahaha
A pitiful sight
Gulp
BECAUSE YOU LOOKED SCARY
YOU GUYS LOOK SO WEIRD
turns
.....

I ate 8 servings during dinner. I'm so full. (0:02)
.....
Not who I thought it was.
HURRY UP
Notification
Sits up
beep
Ume-chan
YATA
IT'S STILL DARK

I WISH MORNING WOULD COME FASTER.
RIGHT NOW, MY FEELINGS ARE AT A LOW AND I FEEL UNEASY
I CAN'T WAIT FOR THE DARKNESS TO GO AWAY.
I WANT THE SKIES TO BE BRIGHT.

AKKI, AND ..
GLOOM..
HE'S WITH KITAGIRI-SAN AND THE OTHERS AGAIN...
HA!!
shakes
Oops
IT'S NO GOOD FOR ME TO REACT THIS WAY AGAIN
Huffs
IT'S USE-LESS!
KUROSAWA, THE FOOD YOU SHARED YESTERDAY WAS DELICIOUS. WE SHOULD EAT IT AGAIN, HUH?
freezes
GOOD MORN-ING!

AH, I'LL GO WITH YOU
WHAT?
Morn-ing.
I WAS JUST GOING TO PASS BY THE CONVE-NIENCE STORE
THE SCHOOL IS THIS WAY
Akki's already trying for you
but
DON'T DO THAT, KOUTA-KUN.
RIGHT NOW, YOU SHOULD THINK OF A WAY TO BE CLOSE TO KITAGIRI-SAN
Aha ha
THAT'S RIGHT
Why are you laughing?
KOUTA-KUN?
HMM?
Since when have you been there?

I DIDN'T HEAR YOU
JUST NOW, WHY DID I FEEL...
REALLY IT LOOKS LIKE SHE USED CM SHAMPOO
AN, DID YOU DO SOMETHING TO YOUR HAIR TODAY?
WHAT WAS IT?
.....
HN?
Ahh
A 30-MINUTE TREATMENT?
Some-thing like that
SO LONG!
WILL LAST FOR ABOUT ONE MONTH.
Hey, you couldn't have done that for 30 minutes
I wouldn't even be able to handle 10 minutes

Hmm
I'll just go to the toilet
KOUTA-KUN?
HMM?
AN-CHAN
IT'S UNUSUAL TO FIND YOU ALONE
IF YOU'RE LOOKING FOR KUROSAWA, HE'S IN THE CLASSROOM
NO, I'M NOT SEARCHING FOR HIM
HUH? HE LOOKS INCREDIBLY UNHAPPY.

Well, just tell me if you want to talk about it
SORRY, I'M BEING A BOTHER
RIGHT NOW, I THINK IT'S PROBABLY BETTER NOT TO GO TO WHERE KUROSAWA IS
DID SOMETHING HAPPEN?
KOUTA-KUN...
.....
SOMEHOW, THEY ALWAYS SEEM TO GET ABSORBED TALKING ABOUT ALL THE THINGS HE HAS IN COMMON
But if you don't go
EH?
WHY?
THEN CHANGE THE SUBJECT!
Where is your spirit?
IT CHANGES BACK IMMEDI-ATELY
OH
YOU CAN'T GET INTO THE CONVER-SATION?
I DON'T GET IT AT ALL I HEAR IT BIT BY BIT
H-
HMM
MY HEART JUST SKIPPED A BEAT.
...WITH KITAGIRI
Ba-thump

IT SEEMS LIKE I'M ONLY SECOND BEST COMPARED TO KUROSAWA
BUT, I...
HE'S ALL SHE EVER TALKS ABOUT.
HE MAKES HER FEEL AT EASE WITHOUT EVEN HAVING TO TRY
KUROSAWA'S MAKING ME LOOK BAD.
I KNOW HE'S DOING THIS FOR ME AND THAT HE'S NOT DOING IT ON PURPOSE, BUT...
...TO BE HONEST, DID HE HAVE TO MAKE HER SO DAMN HAPPY?
DON'T YOU NOTICE WHAT'S BEEN GOING ON BETWEEN THEM?
...WHAT THE HELL?

GET YOUR ACT TOGETHER,
YOU FAIL
PULL S
WHAT A WIMP.
WAI-
WAIT!
AN-CHAN!?
Waaah, what is this!?
IS THAT THE TYPE OF FRIEND YOU SEE HIM AS!?
HOW CAN YOU THINK THAT HIS GETTING ALONG SO WELL WITH HER IS AN ACT OF BETRAYAL!?
SHOULDN'T YOU BE THANKFUL THAT AKKI'S HELPING YOU SO MUCH!?
Shut up and listen!
YOU KNOW-
A-AN-CHAN!?
!?
EH?
EH?
EH?

AKKI'S ONLY THINKING OF YOU!
BUT SINCE YOU DON'T SEEM TO SEE IT THAT WAY, IT DOESN'T MEAN ANYTHING!
EVERYTHING AKKI WORKED FOR WILL GO TO WASTE
DON'T YOU UNDERSTAND!? IF YOU DON'T TELL THE PERSON THAT YOU LIKE HOW YOU FEEL, THEN NOTHING WILL HAPPEN!
THAT'S ALL THERE IS TO IT!

BUT DESPITE EVERYTHING, YOU'RE ALREADY GIVING UP!?
I'VE BEEN ENDURING IT ALL THIS TIME, EVEN THOUGH I HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO SPEND MUCH TIME WITH AKKI!!

HIS FRIENDS ARE VERY IMPORTANT TO HIM...
THAT'S WHY WHAT'S IMPORTANT TO AKKI IS ALSO IMPORTANT TO ME.
AH...
!!!
AKKI!?
KOUTAA!
AN-CHA...
!
SHOCK

SHOULDN'T YOU BE IN CLASS, KOUTA?
YOU TOO, AN...
WAH, WHAT'S GOING ON NOW...?
SHAP
Y-YEAH
GOOD THING HE CAN'T SEE MY FACE...
.....
Turns
AN-CHAN!
AN?
I'LL GO WITH YOU
Stands
I WAIT—

WHAT HAPPENED?
I COMPLETELY BLEW UP.
I'M SUCH A FOOL. HOW SHAMEFUL...
I'M THE WORST...
I'M SORRY, KUROSAWA

AKKI!
KOUTA'S A TROUBLE-SOME GUY.
Steps
GLOOm
GLOOM
I JUST LECTURED HIM AS IF HE WAS MY YOUNGER BROTHER.
WHAT SHOULD I DO...?
He can't even act on his feelings!
BUT IT'S NORMAL FOR ME TO TRY AND HELP HIM AS MUCH AS I CAN
YOU ALSO THINK OF HIM AS A FRIEND, DON'T YOU?
IT'S JUST EXPECTED,
BECAUSE FRIENDS LOOK OUT FOR EACH OTHER.
THANK YOU.

WHY...?
AN?
EH, BUT...
I DON'T WANT YOU TO BE LOOKING OUT FOR KOUTA TO THAT EXTENT...
I DIDN'T DO ANYTHING THAT NEEDS GRATITUDE
WHY ARE YOU THANKING ME?
I FEEL NOTHING BUT INSECURITIES...
BECAUSE, EVEN IF...
YOU'RE DOING IT FOR KOUTA-KUN, WHEN I SEE YOU WITH KITAGIRI-SAN, I—
FEEL MIXED EMOTIONS...
I THOUGHT THAT I WOULD BE FINE. BUT—
IT'S NO GOOD
TAKE CARE OF ME AS WELL.

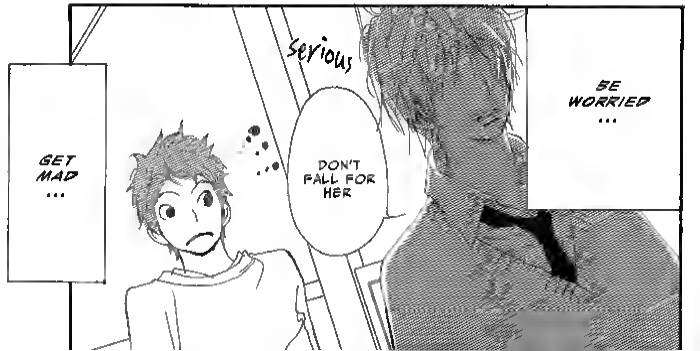
Hold
WHY?
I'M SORRY
I COULDN'T BE THE UNEASINESS...
FROM SEEING THE TWO OF YOU GET ALONG SO WELL

I HEARD YOU GIVING KOUTA A LECTURE BECAUSE OF THE THINGS HE WAS SAYING ABOUT ME.
IT MADE ME REALLY HAPPY
YOU KNOW,
JUST A WHILE AGO...
I'M THE ONE WHO SHOULD BE APOLOGIZING...
FOR NOT REALIZING WHAT I WAS PUTTING YOU THROUGH
FOR BEING ABLE TO TELL HIM EXACTLY WHAT I WAS ALSO THINKING AS WELL, THAT'S WHAT MATTERS
That's why, you shouldn't you stop crying?
I'M SORRY
AKKI...
AKKI...

KUROSAWAAA! AN-CHAAAN!
STOMP
STOMP
STOMP
STOMP
STOMP
BO
WS
I'M SORRY! I DIDN'T MEAN THE THINGS I SAID EARLIER!
Huuuh?
I WAS JUST FEELING A BITTER AND JEALOUS!
I'M REALLY SORRY! PLEASE FORGIVE ME!
?!?
giggle
AN?
...

AAH, THAT'S TRUE
WE'RE ALL APOLOGIZING
What the heck
Isn't it sunny?
YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE TO WORK HARDER ON YOUR OWN.
Slob
Slob
Don't laugh with us
HAAA...
HA
HA
HA
AH
ding
dong
ding
FIRST BELL
OH, NO! I HAVE GYM!
Oh, no! SEE YOU!
stomp
stomp
IT'S THE MAR-ATH-ON
AN-CHAN...

AND JUST BE MYSELF?
"SURE."
YOU'VE GOT A GREAT GIRLFRIEND
I ENVY YOU
IS IT OKAY IF I DON'T FORCE MYSELF...
TO BE UNDERSTANDING...


GET MAD ...
DON'T FALL FOR HER
serious
BE WORRIED ...

...A LITTLE AT A TIME.

The End